

Beans The Frog

A Wishing Shed Design

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Please read through instructions carefully before you begin

What you'll need:

- *Wool felt fabric
- *Stuffing wool or polyfil
- *Embroidery thread/floss
- *4mm black glass beads
- *Needle/thread
- *Small buttons
- *Pipe cleaners

Tools:

- *Fine tip marker pen
- *Scissors
- *A thin blunt tool, such as a blunt knitting needle, or large matchstick for pushing in the stuffing.

Whip stitch



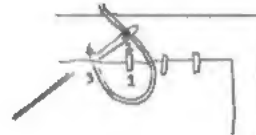
Blanket stitch



Satin stitch



Appliqué



Back stitch



Laying Out/Cutting

Cut out pattern pieces, and lay each piece onto your chosen felt fabric. Pin the pieces that don't need a seam allowance (like the arms and legs) into place, and carefully cut out. You may wish to use a temporary spray-on adhesive, specifically for paper patterns. This works well for pattern pieces you don't want to pin, or you find tricky to pin if small. You can also scan and print the stencil sheet onto an A4 label, cut out the pattern pieces, and then stick them directly onto the felt. This will stop the pattern pieces slipping about as you cut around. Just be sure to remove the label pieces carefully from your felt once you've finished cutting so the felt keeps its shape.

Another way of transferring the pattern pieces to the felt that need a seam allowance, is by tracing them onto card, and then drawing around the reusable templates onto your felt using a fine tip pen.

For best results, use a sharp pair of fabric scissors to cut out the smaller pieces.

For sewing the seams, I like to use a slightly thicker cotton thread, or a single strand of an embroidery skein.

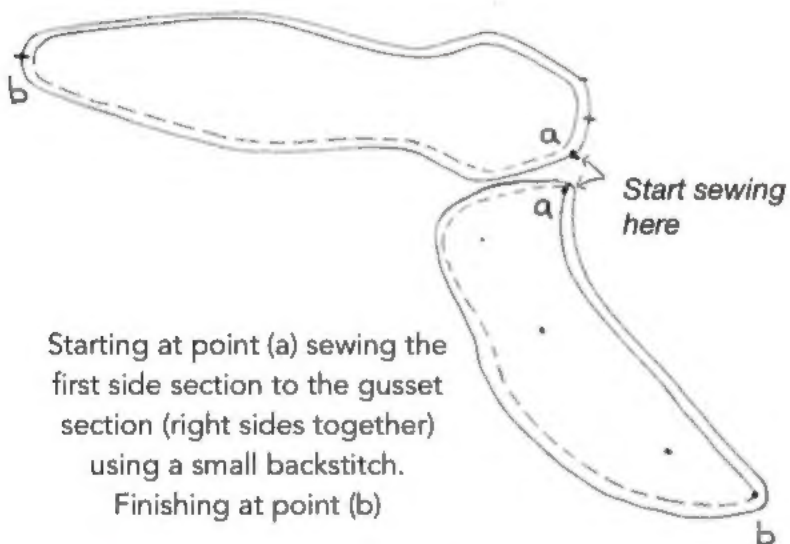
Anchor or DMC skeins are some of my favourite brands to use.

Try to keep the stitches small, neat and evenly spaced. This gives a nice, clean finish, it also stops the stuffing escaping from the seams. I also like to use wool stuffing instead of polyester, but the choice is entirely up to you!

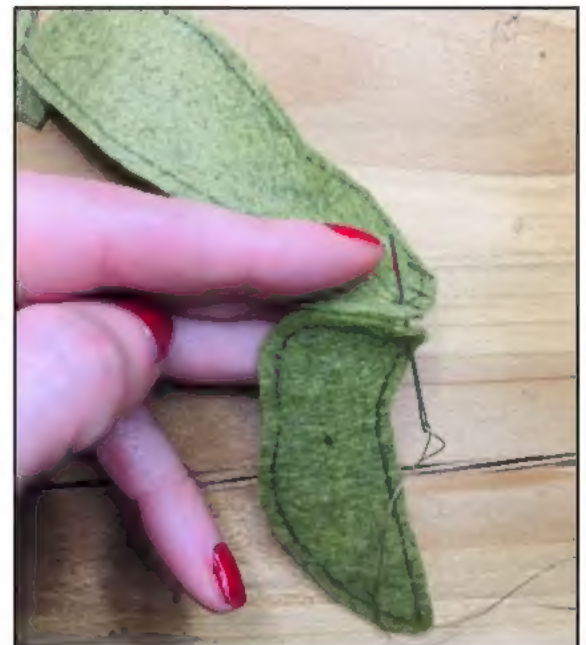


Cut out pieces, as shown, leaving a small 2 - 3 millimetre seam allowance around the body sections.

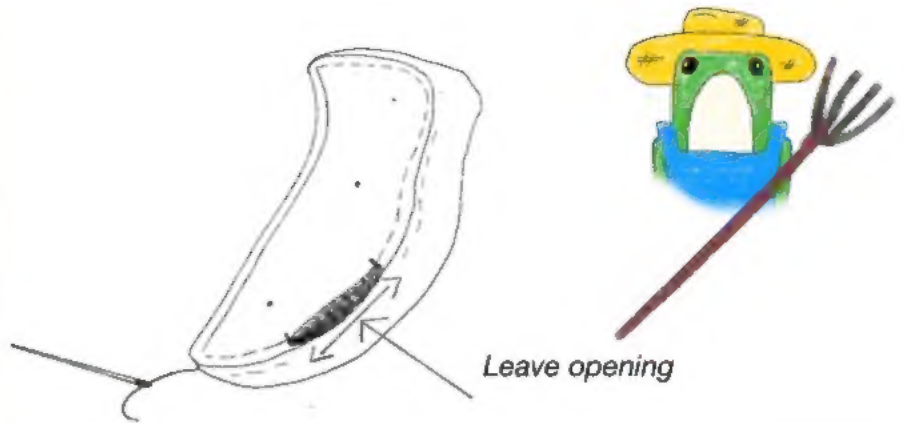
Draw the small vertical 'positioning points' on the top and bottom of the tummy/mouth section, and the head gusset/back section. These will help ensure all the fabric body sections sew together evenly.



Starting at point (a) sewing the first side section to the gusset section (right sides together) using a small backstitch.
Finishing at point (b)



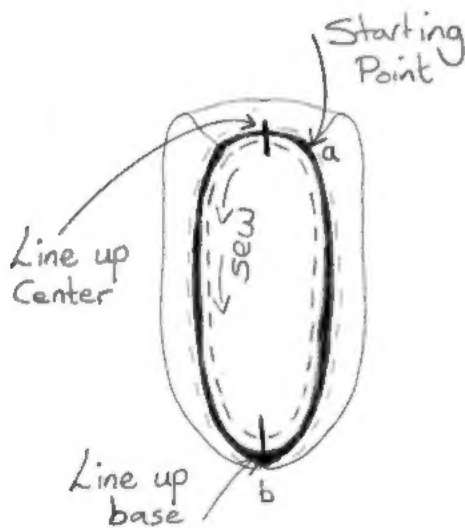
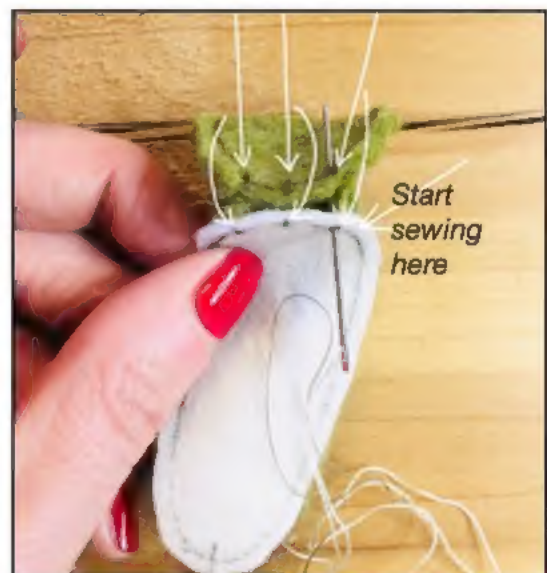
Carefully manipulate the fabric into shape around the head bend as you sew, making sure the template lines on both sections match up on every stitch.



Sew the other side section in place, but this time leave a small opening (approximately 2cm) towards the bottom for turning.

Line up positioning points to the tummy section

Sew the tummy section in place using a back stitch, sewing all the way around starting and finishing at point (a).





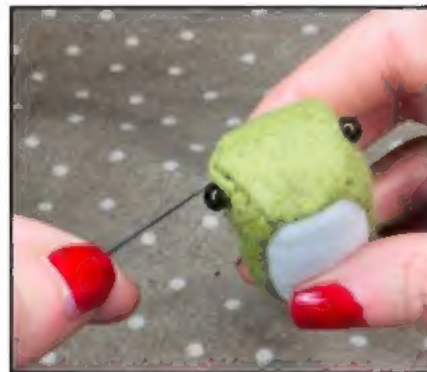
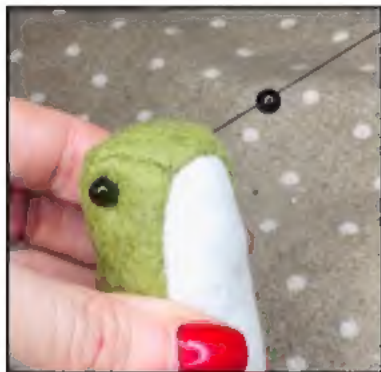
Turn out and stuff. Use your fingers to firmly pinch the stuffing inside the head to help shape it. Bend the head forwards slightly.

Close the opening using a ladder stitch.

If desired, use the tip of your needle, as well as a stiff tooth brush, to carefully tease out and brush some of the felt fabric fibres over any visible stitches.

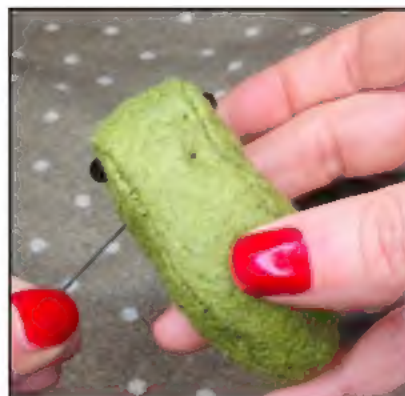


Insert your sewing needle horizontally through the mouth area, and gently pull forward to create a slightly protruding look of the top lip.



Sew a knot in a length of thread, and sew in through the back of the head, pulling the knot in through the felt. Exit where you want the first eye to be. Thread on a bead for the eye, then sew through the head, exiting the other side. Anchor on the other bead eye, and sew back through to secure it in place. Check from above as you sew in the eyes to help achieve an even position.

Exit at the back, and sew a small knot on the felt to secure. Pull the knot back in through the felt, then carefully tease over some of the fibres from the felt fabric over to further hide it.



Fold arm section

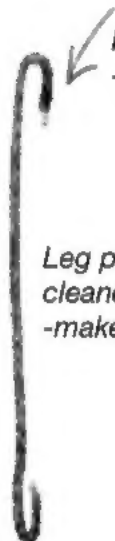


Insert pipe cleaner, then continue whip stitch to close

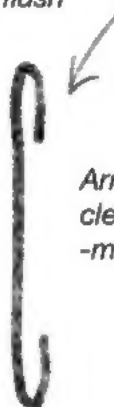


Whip

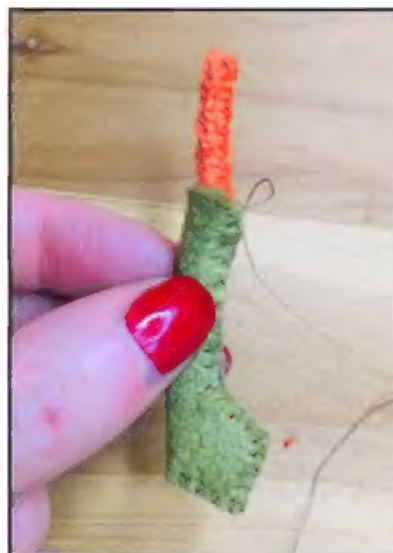
Fold tips either end - pinch flush



Leg pipe cleaner -make 2



Arm pipe cleaner -make 2



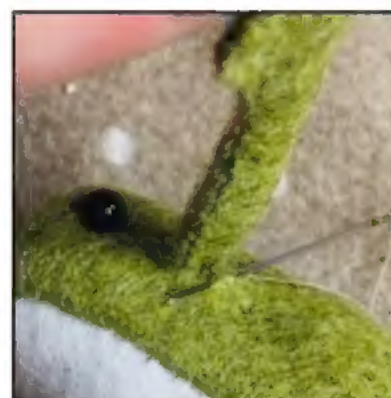
Cut your pipe cleaner sections to length for the arms and legs. Bend the very tips over, and pinch tightly together using a pair of pliers.

Take your felt arm section, fold and whip stitch around the hand and up the inside of the arm, leave the top open. Insert your pipe cleaner section. Continue the whip stitch to close. Use a knot of your preference to end your sewing.

Make the other arm and legs the same way.

Note: Pipe cleaner lengths may need to be adjusted slightly depending on how fluffy/thick the pipe cleaners you use are.

One at a time, position the arms in place (pin if needed) the whipstitch around the top to attach. Sew a couple of ladder stitches under each arm for an extra secure hold.



Attach the tops of the legs to either side of the body, the same way as you attached the arms.

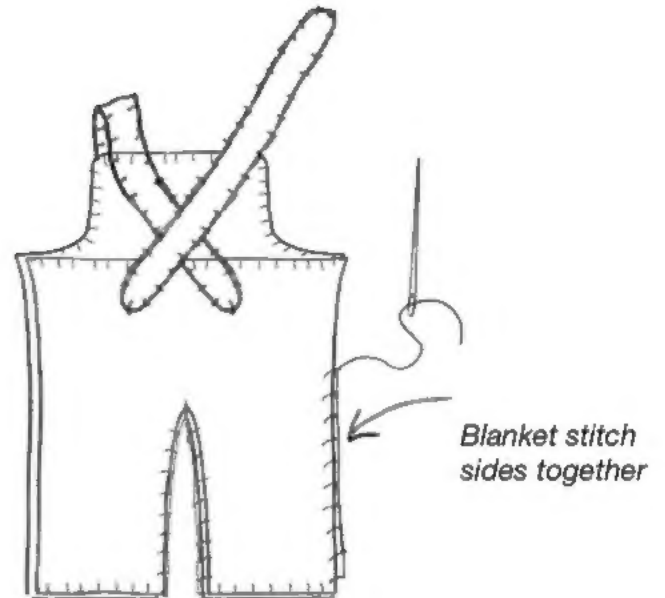


Cut the dungaree sections from your chosen felt fabric (no seam allowance needed.)



Blanket stitch the top edge of the pocket, then embroider on the leaf design using a small lazy easy stitch. Position the pocket on to the middle area of the front dungaree section, appliqué around the side edge of the pocket to attach. Appliqué on the patch.

Blanket stitch around the top edge of the front and back dungaree sections, as well as the bottom edges of the legs. Position the back dungaree section on top of the front (wrong sides together) and blanket stitch up along the sides, and around the inner legs to join.



Blanket stitch around the edge of the dungaree straps. Then one at a time, position either end of the first strap in place on the dungarees, whip stitch around each end to attach. Sew the other strap in place, crossing at the back, as shown in the diagram above.

For extra detail, sew little buttons in place onto the end of each front strap.



Cut the hat sections (no seam allowance.) Blanket stitch the ends of the middle strip section - right sides together. Then sew the top circle section to the top edge of the middle section.



Turn out



Position the rim around the base of the middle section. Looking from underneath, blanket stitch the two sections together.



Cut your basket sections with no seam allowance. Fold the basket handle strip in half, sewing one end and then all along the top edge using a blanket stitch. Cut a piece of wire to length, fold either end and pinch flush (to ensure the wire doesn't poke through the felt.) Insert the wire into the handle sleeve. Then sew the end closed.



Blanket stitch around the main basket section. Bend the handle into shape, and sew either end into place on the opposite outside areas of the basket using a satin (over) stitch.



Roll up the felt carrot section, and sew along the edge (including through the fold) using a blanket stitch. Leave top end open.

Cut the carrot leaves section, snipping lines down along the top for detail.

Roll up the leaves and push in top opening. Sew a few stitches through the top of the carrot, going through the base of leaves to attach.



Cut the cauliflower sections.
Sew a running stitch around the inner edge of the cream centre section.
Pull to gather.
Add a little stuffing then sew a few stitches through the base to close.





Sew a few stitches down over the top of the cream centre section to 'needle sculpt' the illusion of florets.

Position the centre section on to the middle area of the cauliflower leaf section. Fold the four edges of leaves up as shown, then sew a few stitches to secure in place



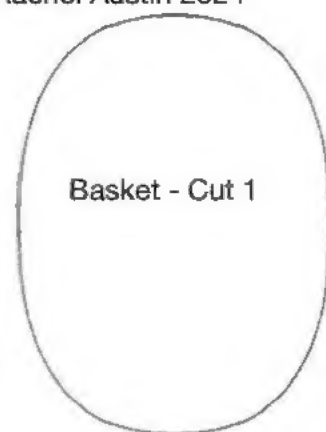
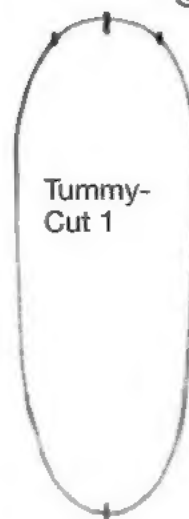
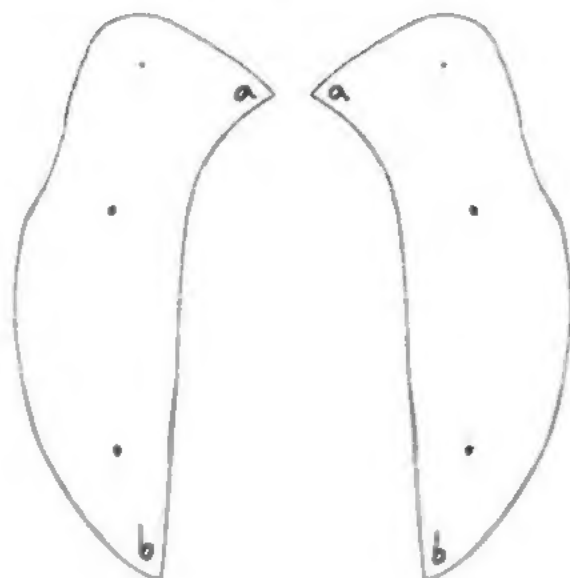
Pinch and fold the excess leaves, sewing down in place around the cauliflower, as shown.



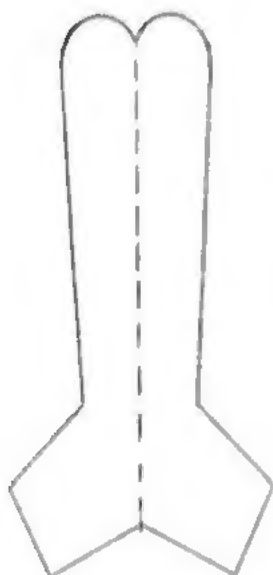
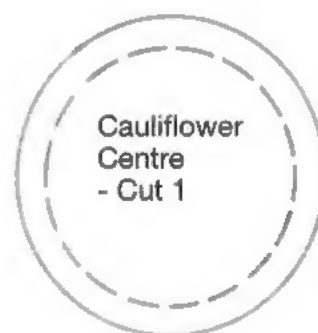
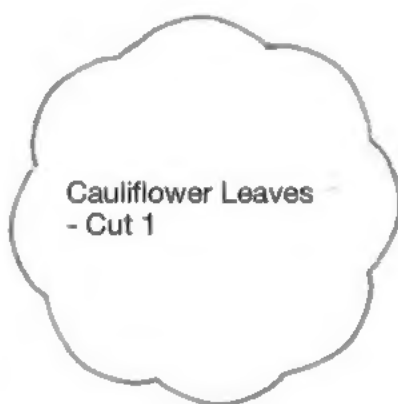
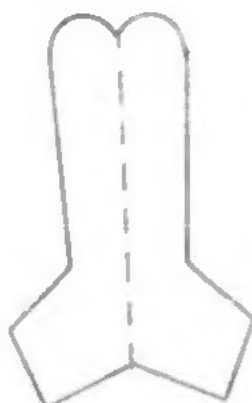
Beanz the Frog Doll Templates

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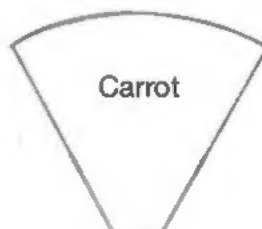
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Arms - Cut 2



Carrot Leaves



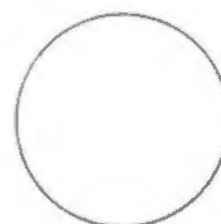
Dungaree Patch-Cut 1

Legs - Cut 2

Dungaree Pocket - Cut 1



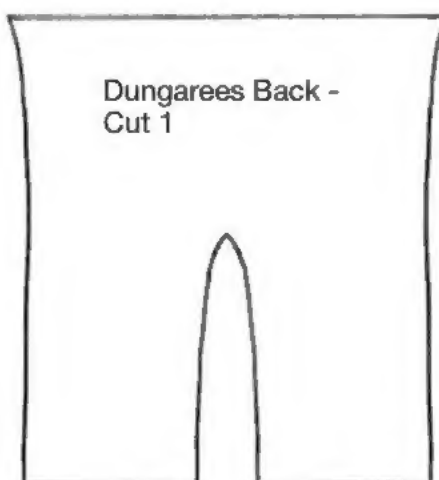
Dungarees Straps - Cut 2



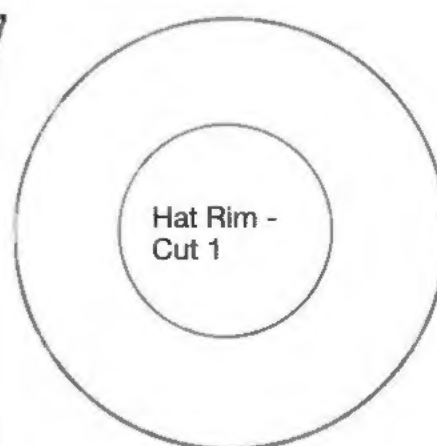
Hat Top- Cut 1



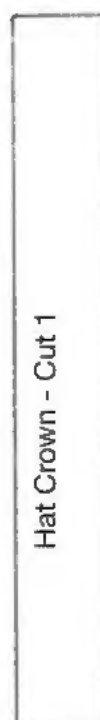
Dungarees Front-Cut 1



Dungarees Back - Cut 1



Hat Rim - Cut 1



Hat Crown - Cut 1

I hope you have enjoyed making your very own Beanz the frog doll! Why not try making him some of the other outfits I have available?

And don't forget to tag The Wishing Shed in photos of your great work over on social media!

I'd love to see 🐸

Love Rachel 🌸